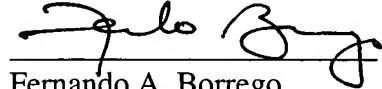


REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Applicants respectfully request examination of the present application as amended herein. Claims 1-11 have been cancelled. Upon entry of the above preliminary amendment, claims 12-21 remain pending in the application. Should the Examiner have any questions, please contact the undersigned attorney.

Respectfully submitted,

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